

# Memorandum



**Date:** April 9, 2007

**To:** Honorable Javier Souto, Chairperson  
and Members Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

**Subject:** Report on upcoming Special Events, Openings and Groundbreaking Ceremonies

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Agenda Item No. 7(A)

The following is a list of special events for Mid April through early May 2007 for various County Departments and programs as outlined below:

**LIBRARY DEPARTMENT** - Visit our website at [www.mdpls.org](http://www.mdpls.org) for additional program/event information. All programs are free and open to the public.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS FROM APRIL 15-31, 2007**

### **Celebrating National Library Month 2007**

Miami native and popular young adult author Gaby Triana will discuss her works Backstage Pass, Cubanita and the forthcoming Temptress Four.  
West Kendall Regional 10201 Hammocks Blvd  
Wednesday, April 25 4:00 PM  
For images and book covers visit [www.gaby triana.com](http://www.gaby triana.com)

### **Celebrate Libraries!**

Initiated by the American Library Association in 1958, National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and to recognize that libraries are places of learning, culture, recreation, and opportunity. This year, National Library Week will be observed April 15-21, 2007. The Miami-Dade Public Library System has decided to expand National Library Week into a month-long celebration. We have invited local community leaders to read to children at each of our library branches during the month of April. Our guest readers will include the Miami-Dade County Mayor, Miami-Dade County Commissioners, elected officials, educators, firefighters, police officers, business owners, artists and other local leaders.

Join us as we celebrate reading @ the Library!

For image of theme "Come Together @ your library" visit [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

### **Celebrate National Poetry Month**

#### **Earth Day Poetry Contest**

Contest entries will be compiled into a book of poetry. Contact the library for details.  
Miami Lakes Branch Library, 6699 Windmill Gate Road  
April 2-30, 2007

### **Express your creativity and your love of Sunny Isles at the Sunny Isles Graphic Arts Contest**

Sunny Isles Branch Library, 18070 Collins Avenue  
Saturday, April 7 Grades K-5  
Saturday, April 14 Grades 6-8  
Saturday, April 21 Grades 9-12  
Contact the library for details  
All programs are free and open to the public.

**Native Pride Dancer, Larry Yazzie** is an international lecturer, educator, performer and world champion Fancy Dancer. Raised on the Meskwaki Indian Settlement in Central Iowa, he began dancing at the age of seven. Mr. Yazzie will present a series of dances, including the Fancy, Eagle, Buffalo, and Round, and contextualize them in his own experiences and in contemporary American Indian cultures.

Wednesday, April 11 TBD

Thursday, April 12 TBD

For images please visit [www.nativepridedancers.com](http://www.nativepridedancers.com)

All programs are free and open to the public.

### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS MAY 1-15, 2007**

#### **Traditional Haitian Drumming**

Homestead Branch Library, 700 N Homestead Blvd

Wednesday, May 2, 2007 7:30 AM

#### **Author Victoria Foyt: The Virtual Life of Lexie Diamond**

Coral Gables Branch, 3443 Segovia Street

Saturday, May 5, 2007 2:00 PM

**Master Puppeteer Jean-Gerald Augustae** will present Marrionelle Folie Traditional Haitian folktales using puppets. Presented in English and Creole.

Little River Branch Library, 160 NE 79<sup>th</sup> Street

Wednesday, May 16, 2007 10:00 AM

Country Walk Branch Library, 15433 SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Tuesday, May 22, 2007 11:00 AM

#### **David C. Brown, Author of The Story of Little Haiti**

Edison Center Branch Library, 531 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Street

Saturday, May 5, 2007 2:00 PM

Lemon City, 430 NE 61<sup>st</sup> Street

Tuesday, May 15, 2007 10:00 PM

Kendall Branch Library, 9101 SW 97 Avenue

May 23, 2007 7:00 PM in conjunction with Haitian Band Etincelle Twobadou

**Cooking with Asian Flair. Join Chef Eleanor Hoh** for a wok cooking demonstration featuring simple dishes created with Asian flair.

Miami Beach Regional Library, 227 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

Saturday, May 5, 2007 2:00 PM

Golden Glades Branch Library, 100 NE 166 Street

Wednesday, May 9, 2007 6:30 PM

**Estampas Cubanas.** Vignettes of Cuban folk life by artist director Olga Flora; Presented in Spanish

Palm Springs North Branch Library, 17601 NW 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Tuesday, May 15, 2007 11:00 AM

**Using the internet to research and explore the work of Jose Marti.** Base de datos Sobre la obra escrita de Jose Marti. Presented in Spanish by Eduardo Blanco

Shenandoah Branch Library, 2111 SW 19<sup>th</sup> Street

Saturday, May 5, 2007 2:00 PM

Fairlawn Branch Library, 6376 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Saturday, May 12, 2007 3:00 PM

**Polynesian Proud Productions:** Journey to the islands of the South Pacific through song and dance

Miami Lakes Branch Library, 6699 Windmill Gate Road

Saturday, May 5 3:00 PM

**Classical Indian Dance: A lecture demonstration**

Miami Lakes Branch Library, 6699 Windmill Gate Road  
Wednesday, May 9 6:00 PM

**Bonjour Miami: French Film Series**

Main Library, 101 West Flagler Street

Thursday, May 3 7:00 PM

Miami Beach Regional Library, 227 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

Saturday, May 12 2:00 PM

Coral Gables Branch Library, 3443 Segovia Street

Thursday, May 10 7:00 PM

Lemon City Branch Library, 430 NE 61<sup>st</sup> Street

Thursday, May 10 10:00 AM

Curated by Cinema Vortex in association with the Consulate General of France-Miami

**Colombian Storyteller Jaime Riasocs** will tell traditional Latin American stories and legends.

Presented in English and Spanish.

Palm Springs North, 17601 NW 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Thursday, May 10 10:30 AM

**Art of Storytelling Mini-Festival** with storytellers, arts and crafts and more.

Miami Lakes Branch Library, 6699 Windmill Gate Road

May 17 7:00-9:00 PM

Coral Gables Branch Library, 3443 Segovia Street

May 12 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

**LIBRARY DEPARTMENT ART EXHIBITIONS** - The Miami-Dade Public Library System's Art Services and Exhibitions Department curates a year-round program of exhibitions, performances, lectures, panel discussions, and community art projects. All of these are free and open to the public.

**Jacques Henri Lartigue: A Boy, A Camera, An Era**

Jacques Henri Lartigue, seminal French artist and photographer began taking photographs at the age of six. This led to a lifetime practice of documenting his world through photography, journals and photo albums.

Main Library, 101 West Flagler Street

March 15-June 1

**Everglades Forever by Edwin Villasmil and Elba Martinez**

Edwin Villasmil and Elba Martinez are artists, environmental activists and educators. After arriving in Miami from Venezuela two years ago, they began a project of obsessive research of the Everglades through the library system, documenting what they found through art.

Main Library, 101 West Flagler Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Exhibition Space

April 12-August 10

**To the Barbershop: Call and Response Series #2**

New work by Noelle Théard and works from the permanent collection by Richard Davenport

Miami Beach Regional, 227 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Miami Beach – 305-535-4219

March 24 – May 26, 2007

Author Craig Marberry writes that the black barbershop is "a world of kinetic jazz and air you could see and grownups who actually knew how to laugh...a think tank...a comedy showcase." The show started with a series of photographs by Richard Davenport from the Library's permanent collection, depicting black barbershops in Miami during the early 1980's.

**Program: Library Celebrates Earth Day!**

Main Library, 101 West Flagler Street  
Saturday, April 22 12:00 Noon-3:00 PM

Edwin Villasmil and Elba Martinez are artists, environmental activists and educators. After arriving in Miami from Venezuela two years ago, they began a project of obsessive research of the Everglades through the library system, documenting what they found through art. The result is a fairytale world of line drawings, sculptural installations, made from recycled materials, and graphic novel-style storytelling that parallels Marjorie Stoneman Douglas' River of Grass and recounts the natural, social and cultural history of The Everglades

**Library and the Lens: Photographs from the Permanent Collection**

Coral Gables Branch Library, 3443 Segovia Street  
Through April 15

West Kendall Regional Library, 10201 Hammocks Blvd  
April 23-August 23

This exhibition includes color and black-and-white photographs from the Library's Permanent Collection. Included are works by Mario Algaze, Eduardo del Valle, Mirta Gomez, Silvia Lizama, Joseph Tamargo, Roberto Machado Ortega and C. Junquera.

**Images of Afghanistan: Photographs by Joseph Hoyt**

West Dade Regional Library, 9445 Coral Way  
March 10-May 31

These black and white photographic works by Joseph Hoyt depict Afghanistan in the early 1970s, before the start of continuous conflict and turmoil. Hoyt spent a total of three years exploring Afghanistan and capturing images of his travels there.

**Pradeep Dalal: Go West and Malabar Hill**

Coral Gables Branch Library, 3443 Segovia Street  
May 5-August 27

In Pradeep Dalal's photomontages, he assembles different time periods, textures and photographic genres into one image as a way to "bring together disparate-even contradictory" autobiographical experiences.

**A Jazz Renaissance: Images from the Permanent Collection**

Through May 29, 2007

North Dade Regional Branch, 2455 NW 183 Street, Miami - 305-625-6424

This exhibition includes work from the Library's permanent art collection, books, and materials from North Dade Regional Library's Black Culture Collection relating to jazz and the Harlem Renaissance. It is part of a new program highlighting jazz as both a historical and contemporary form.

**Down by the Riverside/Holding On to Southern Traditions**

By Ms. Snovia Phillips, Big Mama Quilters and Vintage Guild, Inc., and the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida, Troop #1026, of Liberty City Charter School.

South Dade Regional Branch, 10750 SW 211 Street, Miami – 305-233-8140  
Through June 6, 2007

These popular exhibitions began as part of the Goodbread Alley Quiltfest in the Fall of 2006, organized by Culmer/Overtown Branch library staff and preservationist/historian Anita Jones. The quilts embody the rich traditions of Southern and African-American quilting, created by both veteran and youth quilters from Miami.

## **PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### ***Discovering Chimpanzees: The Remarkable World of Jane Goodall***

Miami Metrozoo – Dr. Wilde's World

12400 SW 152 Street

11:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (daily)

April 1 - May 13, 2007

Exhibit features the research of renowned primatologist Jane Goodall. In a set depicting the jungles of Tanzania, see chimpanzees as they hunt, play and communicate with each other. Climb into a chimp nest and become a primate as instructional videos teach you to walk and talk like a chimp.

Free with General Zoo Admission: Adults \$11.50; Seniors (65 and older) \$10.50;

Children (3-12) \$6.75; Children two and under are free.

Call 305-255-5551 for more information

### **Chihuly at Fairchild**

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

21805 SW 114 Avenue

April 1, 2007 thru May 31, 2007

9:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Enjoy this beautiful tropical glass garden. Also, experience the magic of art and flowers at night on Thursdays from 6-9:30 p.m.

Cost - \$30 adults, \$20 ages 6-17

Call (305) 667-1651, Ext. 3358 for more information

### **Urban Ballet Theater**

Joseph Caleb Auditorium

5400 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Friday and Saturday, April 13 & 14, 2007

8:00 p.m.

This multicultural dance company combines classical training with contemporary music and dance. They are known for their innovative choreography and dynamic dance.

Cost - \$15, \$20, \$25

For more information call (305) 636-2350

### **Family Fun Day**

Arch Creek Park Museum

1855 NE 135 Street

Saturday, April 14, 2007

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 pm

Bring the family for a hike through the trails of Arch Creek, archaeological digs and pottery making.

Cost - \$5 - Call 305-944-6161 for reservations and more information

### **Magic City Monday: Asian Cultural Presentation**

Joseph Caleb Auditorium

5400 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Monday, April 16, 2007

10:30 a.m. - Magic City Monday presents a celebration of Asian culture through music and storytelling.  
Cost - \$3.00

Call (305) 636-2350 for more information.

**Heliconia, Palm & Flower Show**

Fruit & Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Saturday and Sunday, April 21 & 22, 2007

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Large exhibit of Heliconia blossoms on display and sale.

Palm trees, shrubs, and orchids are also available

Cost - \$6, Ages 12 and under free

Call 305-247-5727 for more information

**Tropical Ice Cream Making**

Fruit & Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Saturday, April 21, 2007

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for Gaby's Tropical ice cream!

Learn all the tricks of the trade.

Cost - \$25

Call 305-247-5727 for more information

**Classic Car Show**

Homestead Bayfront Park & Marina

9698 SW 328 Street

Sunday, April 22, 2007

11:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Live Music, Food, Face Painting, Swimming, Motorcycle Rally, and Arts & Crafts!

Cost- \$4.00 Parking

Call 305-230-3033 for more information

**Sunset Cruise**

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Friday, April 27, 2007

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35

Take a relaxing trip on the "Pelican Island Skipper" Pontoon Boat and discover South Florida's nature and history. The boat will depart from the Deering Estate and explore Biscayne Bay. Space is limited.

Call 305-235-1668 ext. 233 to reserve your spot!

**Neighborhood Parks Concert Series**

Arcola Lakes Park

1301 NW 83 Street

Saturday, May 12, 2007

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Free concert featuring Bobby Stringer, Brenda Alford & Friends, and DJ – Fes. In addition to the musical performances, there will be a variety of activities for children including face painting, puppet shows and arts and crafts.

Call (305) 836-5096 for more information

**Mother's Day Brunch**

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Sunday, May 13, 2007

Taste appetizing dishes, tour the grand historic houses, and take in the scenery as you enjoy a day of grandeur at the historic Estate; sponsored by Macy's Catering.

Call 305-235-1668 ext. 233 for more information

**HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA**

**EXHIBITIONS, EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

Mid-April – Mid-May 2007

**ONGOING EXHIBITION**

Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida

On display year-round

Explore 10,000 years of South Florida history as you wander through the Historical Museum of Southern Florida's permanent exhibition, Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida. Visit a re-creation of the Miami Circle and view a sea turtle shell and other artifacts from this 2,000 year-old settlement at the mouth of the Miami River. Walk through the homes of Seminole Indians and Anglo-American settlers in South Florida. Climb on board an actual 1920s trolley and take a video tour of downtown Miami, Miami Beach and Coral Gables. View photographs of the African American community of Overtown, and see a Haitian boat and a Cuban raft that brought refugees to Miami. Also on permanent display are original prints of John James Audubon's paintings of Florida birds.

**SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS**

Port Royal, Jamaica

On display through June 3, 2007

Port Royal, once known as the "wickedest city on earth," includes multiple histories significant to the Caribbean and the world: a 17th-century cosmopolitan port comparable to Boston, a haven for pirates, a community of skilled craftsmen and shipwrights, a center for the lucrative African slave trade, the deadly earthquake of 1692, two centuries as a British Royal Navy base, and a modern-day fishing town and heritage site. See artifacts including pewter plates, silver spoons, glass bottles, ceramic cups, clay pipes, tortoise-shell combs and metal tools. View rare books, maps, prints, photographs and video footage that depict the design and recovery of this partially sunken city. Port Royal, Jamaica is jointly organized by the Institute of Jamaica and the Historical Museum of Southern Florida.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Seventh Annual Croquet & Croquetas at Twilight

Saturday, April 28, 2007

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 S. W. 72nd Avenue

Miami, Florida 33157

(SW 168th Street and Biscayne Bay)

5 pm - The VIP Reception includes private croquet lessons, a tour of the Deering Estate led by local historian Dr. Paul George, a tour of the grounds led by eco-historian Frank Schena, a special wine tasting in the estate's cellar, a champagne toast, tantalizing hors d'oeuvres, and preview and purchase of the Wine, Dine & Getaway silent auction items.

6:30 pm - Take in the beauty of Biscayne Bay at sunset while playing a friendly game of croquet. Savor gourmet croquetas as renowned local restaurants compete for the "Best Croqueta" title. Listen to the sounds of live Latin music. Enjoy international cuisine, cocktails and a Wine, Dine & Getaway silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Historical Museum of Southern Florida's high quality exhibitions, rewarding educational programs and community outreach.

Tickets are \$100 for HMSF members, \$150 for Non-members. VIP tickets are \$300 per person or \$3000 for a table. For more information, purchase tickets or tables, learn about sponsorship opportunities, or donate an auction item, please contact the Development Office at 305.375.1614 or [specialevents@hmsf.org](mailto:specialevents@hmsf.org).

## CULTURAL AND ADULT PROGRAMMING

### Thursday Evening Programming

Thursday, April 19

6:30-8:30 pm CELEBRATION Port Royal Runnins'

Enjoy a cultural potpourri of dance, poetry and music in celebration of this historic city and its heritage. Presented by Jamaica Awareness, Inc. FREE.

Thursday, April 26

6:30-8:30 pm LECTURE Return to the Cockpit Country of Jamaica

Hear about the Cockpit Country of Jamaica, the island's largest watershed and home to one third of the island's flora during a lecture led by Dr. Lauren Raz, Center for Tropical Plant Conservation at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens. Follow the footsteps of Jamaica's most famous botanical explorers with the Fairchild team that successfully tracked down eight of the rarest species from the region and also collected material of two species new to science. Presented by Fairchild Tropical Gardens. FREE.

### In Search of South Florida

Historic Tours with Dr. Paul George, Eco-History Tours & Education Programs

### Stiltsville & Key Biscayne Boat Tour

Sunday, April 15

10 am–1 pm

Voted Best Tour, Miami New Times. Enjoy this beautiful boat trip with the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George to one of Miami's hidden gems—Stiltsville, a remnant community of seven houses perched on stilts in the middle of the crystal turquoise waters of Biscayne Bay. See the dazzling Cape Florida Lighthouse and learn about the history of Key Biscayne. Be entertained by stories of fabulous parties and nefarious mobsters as dolphins follow the boat. HMSF members \$34, Non-members \$39. Advance reservations and payment required. For information and reservations, call 305.375.1621.

### Boom & Bust & Boom: Miami Real Estate History Coach Tour

NEW

Sunday, April 22

11:30 am–2:30 pm

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Be amazed at the tumultuous history of Miami real estate on this exciting tour with the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George. See the sites of early developments, including those of the Mackle Brothers, Tatum Brothers, George Merrick and Carl Fisher. Hear tales of scoundrels and syndicates, of boomtimes and depressions, including the sinking of the Prins Valdemar in 1926 which closed off the harbor to all building supplies destined for isolated Miami. Learn about Richmond Heights, created for African American servicemen returning from World War II. Stop at the Carl Fisher Memorial on Miami Beach. See Morningside and the fast-changing upper Biscayne Boulevard. Tour goes to downtown, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables and Miami Beach. HMSF members \$34, Non-members \$39. Advance reservations and payment required. For information and reservations, call 305.375.1621.

#### South Beach Art Deco Twilight Walk

Thursday, April 26

6:45–8:45 pm

Witness the beauty and excitement of South Beach's Ocean Drive at night, as the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George acquaints you with the neon-lit Art Deco hotels and abundant nightlife. Travel back in time to the 1930s and 40s when sudden economic prosperity swept over South Beach. See Art Deco buildings inspired by the streamlined age with stucco surfaces and clean lines. Relax in the lobby of the Essex Hotel and see the Wolfsonian's frozen fountain. Meet across from the Cardozo Hotel at 1300 Ocean Drive.

HMSF members \$17, Non-members \$22. For information, call 305.375.1621.

#### Fisher Island & South Beach Boat Tour

Saturday, April 28

10 am–1 pm

Hear scandalous and amazing South Beach stories told by the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George while on a leisurely cruise of Biscayne Bay. Get a close-up glimpse of the Flagler Memorial Island, with its "four graces," as you thread between the small islands near South Beach. See star-studded Star Island, with its beautiful waterfront mansions, and the Palm Island where gangster "Scarface" Al Capone spent his final years fishing in his swimming pool. Cross the channel to Fisher Island for an incomparable close-up view of this exclusive enclave, formerly owned by Miami's first African American millionaire, D.A. Dorsey, and once the site of the Biltmore Mansion. HMSF members \$34, Non-members \$39. Advance reservations and payment required. For information and reservations, call 305.375.1621.

#### Trains and Planes Henry Flagler's Coach Tour

NEW

Sunday, May 6

11:30 am–3 pm

Travel in an air-conditioned coach with the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George and hear all about the colorful tycoon Henry Flagler, who brought his East Coast Railway to the city in 1896. Begin on Flagler Street in Downtown Miami and discover the lost location of Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway station. Explore First Presbyterian Church on Brickell Avenue, established by Flagler in 1898, and see its original stained glass windows. Continue near the old FEC tracks to Coconut Grove to see the Art Deco Pan Am Building and its murals, and hear how Flagler died in 1913, just 3 days after the first airplane flight from Key West to Havana. Soon the new flying machines would doom most passenger railroads. Follow the old FEC right-of-way south to the Gold Coast Railroad Museum, where you can ride a train and play with model railroads. HMSF members \$34, Non-members \$39. Includes Railroad Museum admission. Advance reservations and payment required. For information and reservations, call 305.375.1621.

#### Pre Mother's Day Miami River Boat Tour

Saturday, May 12

10 am–1 pm

Bring Mom on this exciting ride with the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George, along the same banks where ancient Tequesta Indians settled. See the famous Miami Circle archaeological site near the mouth of the Miami River. Witness the colorful tugboats, Haitian freighters, houseboats and drawbridges that bring life to the river. Discover the lesser-known Miami River communities, parks, restaurants, freshwater springs and the site of the rapids. Possibly see manatees along the way, while hearing about Miami's early history. HMSF members \$34, Non-members \$39. Advance reservations and payment required. For information and reservations, call 305.375.1621.

#### PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

Ponce De Leon's Visit

Saturday, April 14 - 2nd Saturdays on the Plaza\*

1-3 pm

Learn about Ponce De Leon's adventures in a lively reenactment of his now infamous visit to Florida, nearly 500 years ago. Miami-Dade Cultural Plaza, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami 33130. For more information, call 305.375.1629. FREE.

Pirate Treasure Maps

Saturday, Saturday, April 21

1-3 pm

Make your own ancient treasure map while learning all there is to know about proper pirate "etiquette" and their rough and tumble way of life. HMSF, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami 33130. For more information, call 305.375.1629. FREE.

Key West in 3-D

Saturday, April 28

1-3 pm

Construct three-dimensional pictures of old Key West while taking a dynamic look at South Florida's oldest modern city. Glasses and photos will be provided. HMSF, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami 33130. For more information, call 305.375.1629. FREE.

Day of Clay

Saturday, May 5

1-3 pm

Make your own tools, ornaments and artwork out of pottery clay, much like the early Calusa and Tequesta did thousands of years ago. HMSF, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami 33130. For more information, call 305.375.1629. FREE.

Miami Mosaics

Saturday, May 12 - 2nd Saturdays on the Plaza\*

1-3 pm

Build mosaic tiles portraying the Cape Florida Lighthouse, The Biltmore Hotel and other local architectural wonders. Miami-Dade Cultural Plaza, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami 33130. For more information, call 305.375.1629. FREE.

2nd Saturdays on the Plaza\* are in conjunction with the Miami Art Museum and the Miami-Dade Public Library.

**MIAMI ART MUSEUM (MAM) - Website Providing Event information:** <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: Members Preview ***Collectors Council Acquisitions***

Date of Event: April 13 – July 1, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: The exhibition highlights the importance of the museum's new Collectors Council's in the growth of MAM's collection. The members preview is open to MAM members and invited guests.

Name of Event: ***Collectors Council Acquisitions***

Date of Event: April 13 – July 1, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: The exhibition highlights the importance of the museum's new Collectors Council's in the growth of MAM's collection.

Name of Event: **Second Saturdays are Free for Families – MAM Family Festival**

Date of Event: April 14, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Enjoy multiple activities, games and music at this free event on the Cultural Plaza.

Name of Event: **JAM at MAM – The Love Jam**

Date of Event: April 19, 5-8:30pm

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Celebrate Spring at MAM's happy hour with an artful twist.

Name of Event: **MAM Art Caravan – Crazy Constructions**

Date of Event: April 28, 2007

Location of Event: Joy Outreach Community Center, 441 E 12 Street, Hialeah

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: MAM takes its ever-popular Second Saturday activities on the road. Transform simple straws into complex geometric creations.

Name of Event: Members Preview ***Power of Ten: Gifts in honor of Miami Art Museum's 10th Anniversary***

Date of Event: May 3, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: This exhibition features gifts donated to MAM on the occasion of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a collecting institution, marking this pivotal moment in its history. The preview is open to MAM members and guests.

Name of Event: ***Power of Ten: Gifts in honor of Miami Art Museum's 10th Anniversary***

Date of Event: May 4 – October 28, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: This exhibition features gifts donated to MAM on the occasion of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a collecting institution, marking this pivotal moment in its history.

Name of Event: **Second Saturdays are Free for Families –**

Date of Event: May 12, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: MAM's gallery teachers lead creative projects inspired by the exhibitions on view. Construct creative, colorful and changeable picture-panel cubes.

Name of Event: **JAM at MAM – MAM Social**

Date of Event: May 17, 5-8:30pm

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Join MAM PARTNERS, the museum's young professionals group, for a happy hour with an artful twist.

**VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS UPCOMING PUBLIC PROGRAMS** - For further information:  
305.860.8436 or visit their website at: [learning.programs@vizcayamuseum.org](mailto:learning.programs@vizcayamuseum.org)

**Thursday, April 5, 2007**

Event: Moonlight Garden Tour

Wander through Vizcaya's breathtaking gardens along Biscayne Bay under the light of the full moon. Volunteer Guides will be on hand starting at 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and lead tours in the gardens. Enjoy an informal concert of classical music by the Encore Chamber Players in the Courtyard of the main house. The Museum Cafe will offer light refreshments for sale. NOTE: Not all garden areas are wheelchair accessible

Location: Vizcaya, Main House, Gardens

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15.00

**Sunday, April 15, 2007**

Event: VIZstories (storytelling program)

Come learn about life in Vizcaya's farm village across the street from the main house. The village operated year-round even though James Deering only lived at Vizcaya during the winter.

Location: Vizcaya, Village Garage

Time: Storytelling presentation 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Outdoor Tour of the Village: 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Free with admission

American Sign Language Interpretation will be available

**Sunday, May 13, 2007**

Event: Art-Making Activity

Books & Archives – Much of what we know of Vizcaya's past comes from letters and photographs that are decades old. Make your own small scrapbook to record stories and special occasions from your own life. View reproductions of photographs and letters from Vizcaya's past.

Location: Vizcaya, Main House, Courtyard

Time: Drop-in anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Free with admission

**Thursday, March 15, 2007 – June 1, 2007**

Event: Contemporary Arts Project, Film "Still Life"

A site specific installation at Vizcaya by New York-based visual artist Anna Gaskell. Using Vizcaya as a portal, Anna Gaskell explores ideas about the relations of time and space, memory and amnesia and déjà vu. Moving throughout the garden the camera engages the viewer in a game of hide and seek.

Location: Vizcaya, Main House, Breakfast Room

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily

Free with paid museum admission

**Sunday, June 10, 2007**

Event: Art-Making Activity

Boats & Water Transportation – James Deering, Vizcaya's founder, enjoyed boating and fishing on Biscayne Bay. Learn about the boats James Deering owned, design your own boat and test it for flotation.

Location: Vizcaya, Main House, South Terrace

Time: Drop-in anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Free with admission

**CARNIVAL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**



**Diego El Cigala en concierto**

**Sunshine Entertainment Music**

**April 1 @ 8 p.m.**

Multi Grammy Winner Flamenco Singer Diego El Cigala will perform his hits from the world acclaimed cd Lagrimas Negras. Appropriate for children under 4.

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**Miami City Ballet Presents**

**Program IV**



**March 30,31 @ 8 p.m.**

**April 1 @ 2 p.m.**

Giselle is the quintessential 19th century romantic story ballet and one of the most famous of all time. Filled with sentimentality and supernatural occurrences, the ballet has stood the test of time. Choreographed by Jean Coralli and Jules Perrot and set to music by Adolphe Adam, this ballet is a favorite among classical ballet lovers. Pre-performance talks by Artistic Director Edward Villella or one of the artistic staff begin 45 minutes prior to every performance. This is free to the ticketed audience

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extreme theater



**Antigravity**

**April 2 @ 8 p.m.**

"Innovative, swanky, and mind-boggling, this troupe blurs the boundaries between the Olympics and performing art, the athletic and the absurd," says the *Village*

*Voice.* AntiGravity is where physical theater meets extreme sports, where gymnasts catapult across the stage at dizzying speeds and aerialists swing in slapstick routines. AntiGravity is where chaos and art create the big bang spectacle everybody's talking about.

All tickets to this performance are \$10 each - part of Carnival Center's ongoing initiative to make a selection of its shows, particularly those that appeal to both children and adults, affordable to as wide and diverse an audience as possible.

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### **Concert Association of Florida**

#### **NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC OF RUSSIA (NPR)**

**April 7 @ 8 p.m.**

An orchestra on the cusp of history, the National Philharmonic of Russia (NPR) is poised to take its place among Russia's most celebrated cultural institutions. Composed of Russia's leading symphonic virtuosos and led by the electrifying conductor and violinist Vladimir Spivakov, the ensemble has quickly established itself as the finest and most exciting orchestra to emerge from Russia in many years.



The great Leonard Bernstein, who presented his baton to Vladimir Spivakov, once declared that the brilliant artist belonged "to the Olympus of Music." As Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the National Philharmonic of Russia, Maestro Spivakov fulfills this promise, upholding the standards of Russia's great symphonic traditions, while also turning his attention to rarely performed works, 20th Century pieces and compositions commissioned specifically for the orchestra.

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#### **THE 5 BROWNS**

**Presented with the generous support of Joyce and M. Anthony Burns**

**April 10 @ 7:30 p.m.**

"One family, five pianos and 50 fingers add up to the biggest classical music sensation in years," (*New York Post*). A youthful quintet of brothers and sisters, each a virtuoso pianist, The 5 Browns (or the "Fab 5" as People calls them) landed at the top of the weekly Billboard charts with their first album and became one of the Top Classical Artists of the year. They have been seen on "Oprah," "60 Minutes," "Good Morning America" and "Tonight Show with Jay Leno," where they've thrilled millions with their stunning interpretations of Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Gershwin, Dvorak, and Stravinsky.

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classical piano pops



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**The Living Room Series - Piano Edition Jazz in Any Language**



**ADRIÁN IAIES**

Intimate jazz



**April 12 @ 7:30 & 9 p.m.**

Contemporary jazz laced with tango, shimmering piano melodies accompanied by Argentina's quintessential instrument, the bandoneón-this is Adrián Iaies' recipe for transforming the Studio Theater into the most sophisticated music café north of Buenos Aires. Nominated three times for a Latin Grammy Award in the jazz and tango categories" Iaies combines something borrowed and something blue into something entirely new.

Please visit [Education & Outreach Events Listings](#) to find out about activities or events related to this performance.

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**LILY TOMLIN**

comedy



**Generously underwritten by Northwestern Mutual  
Financial Network - The Downs Group**

**April 12 @ 8 p.m.**

She is an award-winning Broadway actress, an acclaimed film star, TV royalty, and perhaps the funniest woman on earth. "No one, it seems, can think of Tomlin without instantly breaking into a wide, warm grin (*The Washington Post*)."

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**ANIMAL FARM (THE PUPPET MUSICAL)**

theater



**A Presentation of Synapse Productions**

**Produced by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing, Woodstock, Illinois.**

**April 13 @ 8 p.m., April 14 @ 2 & 8 p.m., April 15 @ 2 & 7:30**

Join us as George Orwell's famous story springs to life "With delightful life-size puppets and songs ranging from anthems to music hall ditties, there's not a weak link in the entire barn. It is fun for the whole family" (*The New York Times*).

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**PIERRE DØRGE AND THE NEW JUNGLE ORCHESTRA**

**A part of the Carnival Center - Chivas Regal Jazz Series**

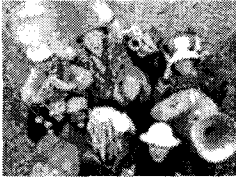
**The New Jungle Orchestra US April'07 tour has the sponsorship  
and financial support of the Danish Arts Council**

**April 14 @ 8 p.m.**

What do cutting-edge jazz, a bit of Bollywood, down-home blues, world music rhythms, and "Cheek to Cheek" have in common?: The unconditional love of Danish guitarist Pierre Dorge and his 10-piece ensemble of musicians gathered from the hippest clubs in Copenhagen. With verve, inspired playing and a healthy sense of the absurd, Dorge and company create their own, very entrancing world of jazz.

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**Florida Grand Opera Presents**

**SAMSON ET DALILA (Samson and Delilah)**

**April 14 @ 7 p.m.**

**April 18, 21, 24, 27 @ 8 p.m.**

**April 29, May 6 @ 2 p.m.**

**May 3 @ 8 p.m.**



Composer: Camille Saint-Saëns

Language: Sung in French with English and Spanish translations

Passion! Betrayal! Retribution! All of this and more are at the heart of one of the world's most famous love stories. Saint-Saëns' operatic masterpiece of the Old Testament story provides a sweeping, atmospheric musical tableaux of the ancient Middle East, and contains some of opera's most famous music, including Dalila's great seduction scene. Samson succumbs and gives up the secret of his great strength. Newly shorn, he is taken captive by the Philistines and blinded, but when he is brought into a celebration where the Philistines and Dalila mock him, he prays for strength one last time.

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**Comedy (IN FRENCH):**

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**Elie Semoun in "Elie Semoun se prend pour qui?"**

**April 15 @ 8 p.m.**

In his first US appearance, popular French comedian Elie Semoun performs his latest one-man show, which recently sold out for months in France. Through the fictitious characters that he has made famous-Kevina, Toukif and, of course, the legendary





Mikeline!-Semoun presents a hilarious angle on French society. New characters to be introduced this evening include Papy Pétou, Didier and Jojo.

Elie Semoun is one of France's favorite humorists. He is also an actor, having performed several roles in major French movies, and a singer. In 2003, he released the album "Chansons," from which he may perform a few songs.

This hilarious show at the Knight Concert Hall is absolutely unmissable!

More information is available at [www.comedietonight.com](http://www.comedietonight.com).

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**Dino Saluzzi, bandoneon**  
**with Anja Lechner, cello**  
**Ojos Negros**

International jazz



**April 25 @ 8 p.m.**

Boundaries in art are made to be broken and bandoneon player Dino Saluzzi and cellist Anja Lechner do just that-brilliantly: between composition and improvisation, between folk music and jazz and tango, between concert and cabaret. With Piazzola smiling from above, these two famed ECM stars (he from Buenos Aires, she from Munich) invite you to hear their latest CD performed live. An intimate evening of music that is warm and longing, meltingly beautiful, soul-stirring in a way only the tango-traditional or Nuevo- can be.

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**Florida Grand Opera Presents**

**ANNA KARENINA**

**April 28 @ 7p.m. - World Premiere**

**May 2, 5, 8, 11 @ 8 p.m.**

**May 13 @ 2 p.m. (matinee)**

Composer: David Carlson

Librettist: Colin Graham

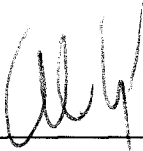
Language: Sung in English with English and Spanish translations



Florida Grand Opera has commissioned a new opera based on Anna Karenina, one of the most compelling love stories in all of literature, from American composer David Carlson. Within the constraints of Russian society in the 19th century, Anna tries to follow her heart, but she, along with everyone she loves, is overwhelmed by the terrible choices she is forced to make and their bitter consequences. Her tragic descent comes to a famously shattering conclusion.

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Honorable Javier Souto, Chairperson  
and Members Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee  
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Alex Muñoz  
Assistant County Manager